

Remarks

This amendment adds maintenance coordination and integration features to claims 1 and 19. In particular, claims 1 and 19, which originally recited determining predictive maintenance requirements as well as planning upgrade requirements, now also recite coordinating the both types of requirements into a combined maintenance schedule. The combined maintenance schedule avoids the repeated return of the same item of equipment for multiple maintenance sessions. The specification describes such features, for example, at pages 22 and 23.

Assignee respectfully submits this amendment in connection with a Request for Continued Examination. With the Request, the Assignee also submits an Information Disclosure Statement including references recently cited by the U.S. Patent Office in other applications. Assignee respectfully requests consideration of the cited references and allowance of the claims.

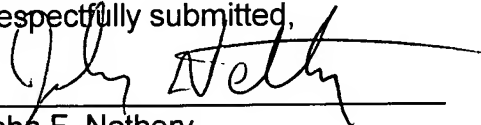
Drawings

With this Request, the Assignee also submits corrected drawing sheets responsive to the Notice of Allowability received before filing the Request.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if the Examiner has any questions, comments, or concerns, or if a telephone conference would expedite examination of this application.

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